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FIRE DEPARTMENT GETTING NEW PUMPER

Elba City Council okays land deal

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Tuesday night the Elba City Council approved the project. Council member Ben Carpenter made a motion to do the whole thing at once. Grimes and other council members agreed. The cost of the fence is \$4,636. That is for 1,109 feet of six foot high fencing, plus the related gates.

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Another action of lasting impact taken by the city council was the acceptance of the lone bid for a new fire truck. Sunbelt/Emergency 1 bid \$198,792, which was several thousand less than expected; council members were told. There is an added bonus of a \$7,156 discount if the vehicle is paid for within 30 days of placing the order, however delivery is several months away.

Grimes told the council members there is a very slim chance of approval on an interest free loan the city has applied for to finance this purchase. He said the "points" assigned to the application make it unlikely the loan will be approved. Council members suggested the mayor check with the local banks on the cost of a loan for the purchase of this vehicle.

The final motion was "buy the fire truck and arrange the payment plan too best suite the needs of the city."

L. M. Burch was appointed to the Elba Board of Adjustments to complete the term of Mrs. Juanita Scott, who died recently. The term expires in August, 2000.

The city council approved a new six foot fence around the ballpark in Mulberry Heights. Grimes presented the project in two parts, recommending the city put up the outfield

fence and later when cash funds are better, complete the project. Council member Ben Carpenter made a motion to do the whole thing at once. Grimes and other council members agreed. The cost of the fence is \$4,636. That is for 1,109 feet of six foot high fencing, plus the related gates.

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Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the recorder for all phones and radios in the police department has arrived and will be installed in the near future. The equipment was furnished by a grant from EMA. The recorder will give a permanent record of all phone calls and radio transmissions.

Whitworth said he is working to again offer a direct link from business' security alarms and the police department. He noted that some insurance companies require this link as part of the insurance policy. The security firms will furnish the equipment but will not pay the installation cost. When Whitworth knows this amount, he will convey that to the mayor, who will work out the details with the companies involved.

Sue Atkins and Wanda Little addressed the council with complaints of rats, mosquitoes and sewage odors in their neighborhood. They referred to a petition, signed by several dozen people in the neighborhood, which had been presented to the City Clerk demanding

action. Another problem they mentioned was vehicles parked in the street, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to pass. The two said they believe the problem is coming from the property of Charles and Jackie Marler.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow said the city attorney was looking into the matter with the health department and some action on the problem is expected in the very near future.

Grimes closed the meeting with comments on the city's operating budget. He noted that revenues have been limited, with sales tax totals lower than projections. The shortfall is about \$40,000, but Grimes said during the last couple of months the flow of funds has picked up, partially to a better system of collection by the state tax agency over that of the private firm previously used.

Grimes also pointed out budget overruns in several departments. He attributed most of these problems to the extra manpower required during the flood and cleanup of the flood damage.



RE-ROUTING WATER MAINS...City of Elba Water Department crews are shown above making preparations to re-route a water main (6 inch) just off the square in downtown Elba. According to Supervisor Dennis Coleman plans are to re-route as many water mains as possible so that they are not located under city streets. This will eliminate the necessity of tearing up the streets, some freshly paved, to repair water leaks. The crew in the picture above is working in the alley behind the police department. Plans are to do the same thing on the opposite side of the square, behind Ace Hardware.

SUPPLUS EQUIPMENT TO GO ON LOCAL AUCTION BLOCK

County Commissioners get update on E-911

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission started out with what appeared to be a record-breaking short meeting but that was not to be. It lasted almost an hour not including the bill-signing session.

There were no items listed under either heading of old or new business; however, Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, gave commissioners a brief update on the implementation of the county-wide E-911 system.

He commented that the assigning of E-911 addresses for the county was about 99 percent complete for the whole county.

Webb told commissioners that one major move was being made this week in converting to the use of E-911 addresses as postal addresses.

All rural routes serviced by the Enterprise Post Office will switch to the address assigned to each residence by the E-911 addressing procedure as the permanent mailing address.

"Residents of all the Enterprise routes will be receiving a notice in

the mail that they should start using their new address now," said Webb. "By the way, that's being commonly referred to as the 911 address. I'd like to stress that's not just the 911 address - that's the new address - period!"

The director also noted that there are still those residents which have not responded to the request for information. "I'd like to stress that anyone who has not given us their family information such as telephone number, number of people in the family, etc., will not be in the emergency data base until we receive that information - so we need to hear from those folks," he said.

Webb told commissioners that he expected the rest of the county to begin switching to the new addresses real soon.

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented members of the commission with a list - and pictures - of "surplus" equipment that he would like to take to auction.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley also told commissioners that his office had eleven pieces of computer communication equipment that he would like to auction

off as well. Initially, the commission, by a vote of 4-3 (Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Kayo Lewis, Robert Stephens, and Linda Westbrook voted aye while Commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Len Averett, and Tom Grimsley voted nay) approved Tindell's request to "carry" the surplus equipment to the J. M. Wood Auction in Montgomery and two auctions that will be held in the Dothan area in the near future; however, the matter came up at the end of the general business session and that all changed.

Tindell's list included 25 vehicles (trucks, cars, tractors and a crane) and various pieces of other equipment, tools and automotive parts. He commented that by utilizing a large auction, the county should realize a greater profit from the sale of this surplus equipment.

During the discussion of the original motion to follow Tindell's recommendation, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple commented that he felt county residents should have first opportunity at buying the surplus county equipment. He noted that several individuals had made this comment to him.

However, after discussion of the motion and comments on how this

could possibly be done the motion passed.

At the end of the general business session, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens brought the matter up again, and in fact, made a motion to rescind the original motion. After several minutes of discussing the motion, and ways in which to sell the surplus equipment, Stephens' motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2. Commissioners Westbrook and Lewis opposed changing the decision already made by the commission to follow the recommendation of the county engineer.

Then, Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion seconded by Averett to hold an auction in the county to sell the surplus equipment. This motion, after several minutes of discussing on how the auction should be held, passed unanimously.

The engineer was directed to coordinate the auction and secure an auctioneer firm to handle the sale. Tindell stated that he would try to arrange with the auction company to have other equipment from the surrounding area brought in to help "attract" a crowd of buyers.

Tindell asked for the passage of a

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Area Happenings

FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH A Boston Butt Benefit has been organized to raise funds for the Josh Prettyman Fund. Tickets can be purchased at any local merchant in Elba or by calling 493-9059. The tickets are \$15. Windham Lumber Company will be the pick-up point on August 22 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prettyman, 17, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on July 9, 1998.

RABIES CLINIC A rabies clinic will be held at the Elba City Hall on Saturday, August 15, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Dogs and cats three months or older will be vaccinated at a cost of \$8 per animal.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET The Coffee County Republicans will meet Thursday (TONIGHT), August 13, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at PoFolk's Restaurant located on the Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. The formal meeting (after dinner and fellowship) will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Mark Fuller, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, as the guest speaker.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS The American Red Cross will hold an Adult CPR and First Aid Class on Wednesday, August 19, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Ft. Rucker. The class is open to the public and the cost is \$25.00. Individuals may register at the Ft. Rucker Red Cross Office or the Enterprise Red Cross Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (334) 347-2461.

HRDC FACILITY OPEN Mary Phillips, director of HRDC, stated that the facility will be open every day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens to come in from the heat (if they don't have air conditioning). The facility is located at 127 Factory Street in Elba. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 897-2667.

Coffee County School System's 1998-99 year off to good start

Coffee County's schools got off to a good start when students returned to the campus on Wednesday of last week.

"We had the best opening we've ever had in Coffee County," said Superintendent Rodger Bowden.

Bowden commented the county-wide enrollment in the three (3) schools was down about thirty (30) students from last year's number; however, he added, this is normal and he expects this number to increase as the year progresses.

The board met last Thursday and held budget hearings and on Friday in a special called meeting adopted the largest budget ever for the Coffee County School System. This year's budget totals \$12,738,039.00. The 8.5 percent pay increase for teachers accounted for much of the increase in this year's budget according to the superintendent.

Superintendent Bowden reported that the system started this year with a balance of \$700,000.00 in the general fund and with federal

funds added this figure comes to \$1,123,818.00.

He noted that the number of employees in the countywide system totals 241 with 150 teacher units. Of that 150 teachers, 135 salaries are totally funded by the state while 7 are federally funded and the remaining are funded totally by the county.

The board approved the hiring of one new teacher in Thursday meeting. Lisa Duebelt was employed as an English teacher at Zion Chapel High School.

Other changes in personnel were as follows:

***Julie Martin will teach first grade at Kinston Elementary School

***Delisa Parrish will teach first grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School

***Teresa Ward will teach third grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School

***Faye Kelley will teach special education at New Brockton Elementary School.

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OPINION

BRAINSTORMS

The Enterprise boll weevil has been found. The crowning bug on top of the monument disappeared from its downtown several weeks ago during the late hours of darkness. It turned out to have been the focus of two teenage boys "having fun." The uproar of the disappearance caused reportedly scared them and they buried the bug. Apparently they told someone about their actions, because an anonymous call led law officers right to the young men, who confessed and help dig up the weevil. What will happen now to the two is anyone's guess, but the repairs to the monument will be expensive.

Elba again made the New York Times. This time a reporter was looking at the recovery effort. These visitors always seem to find the negative comments and this article is no exception. The tragic thing is that most of the quotes and observations are truthful. The picture accompanying the article did show repairs being done to the First Baptist Church and that is positive. A concentrated effort by the entire community can allow more of these "after the flood" articles to reflect the positive aspects of life in Elba.

Last week when writing in this column about the various agencies actively working to help the Elba recovery, all our notes didn't make the column. Alabama National Guard engineering experts have been seen poking their noses around the river and creeks during the past several weeks. For the benefit of those who have seen them and still don't know ... they are studying ways their engineering units can help with flood prevention, without duplicating the efforts of the Army Corp of Engineers. They must also be careful not to anger the environmentalists of the world (one bright young man suggested that we do that angering kind of work after dark). Seriously, a lot of activities around waterways and wetlands are prohibited without public hearings and prior approval of various government agencies. Every effort is being made to avoid violating these regulations. The two Guard colonels we have seen in Elba appear to be knowledgeable of their work and hopefully they can convince the engineering board to include some Elba work in their upcoming schedule.

There is a legal notice in this issue of The Elba Clipper announcing a public hearing on the long anticipated "buy-out" program. However, the facts coming out of the meeting will probably anger as many or more than it pleases. There is a very limited amount of money and the committee (on which yours truly serves) agreed that some priorities had to be set and those with the most exposure will get priority. Then if and when additional money becomes available, others on the list will be offered the same option ... but even that is not the perfect solution. Studying results from other communities where the program has been used, there are hidden costs to the moving homeowner and the new location "ain't never like home."

The Alabama governor's race is beginning to heat up again. Each of the major party candidates has staked out positions, and not surprisingly opposing positions on many major issues. We predict this campaign will include a whole bunch of mudslinging. It could even get to the point that mud is the cleanest part of the race! While neither of the candidates would personally do such a thing ... there are supporters of both who have no reservations at doing anything to get "my buddy" elected. Get ready folks, between now and November you will be blasted with a lot of hot air (and other stuff)!

In Washington the pros are trying to fix the problems surrounding the president and Monica. It is according to the pro you are talking with as to what is necessary to fix things. Personally we highly doubt there will ever be anything more than what you have already seen ... a lot of accusing back and forth. Even if the famous solid dress proves to be a fact, smooth lawyer talk will prevent any successful charges of "lies", "coverup", etc. and it will all be legal. If you doubt that, go back to how the federal judge in the Paula Jones defined "sexual affair." Using that definition, even this non-Bill Clinton fan would say "not guilty." It might be a choking statement to make, but the facts and definitions we see and expect to see, it would be the correct verdict, regardless of how disgusting the events appear to us Bible Belt folks.

We continue to find it hard to understand the logic behind any human reasoning that bombings such as the two in Africa this past weekend can be justified, regardless of the bomber maker's religious beliefs. We know of no established religion which advocates such violent taking of the lives of innocent people. These are the very people all the world religions we read about are dedicated to protecting and/or defending. The excuses that these are radical groups, extremists, etc., is just making excuses for a bunch of criminals who don't deserve to hide behind my religion or yours! They insult the memory of their forefathers and tarnish the name of their descendants.

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Elba Police Report

August 3 Thru August 9, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 3, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one child neglect, one theft of property, one missing person, one assault, three criminal mischief, one rape, one burglary, and one abandoned vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for an expired tag, two for running a stop sign, one for improper display of tag, and one for no tag displayed.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 - River stage - 4.72 feet (6:08 a.m.); Rescue run to Powell Trailer Court on Caroline Street (8:58 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 - Disturbance reported on Reynolds Street (1:42 a.m.); Shots fired on Martin Luther King Drive (1:45 a.m.); River stage - no reading recorded; Wreck on Hickman Avenue (11:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (6:10 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - River stage - 3.53 feet (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Co. Rd. 338 (9:19 a.m.); Alarm at Mr. Henry's (12:55 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 502 (1:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Co. Rd. 201 (5:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Co. Rd. 417 (10:43 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 - River stage - 3.32 feet (6:29 a.m.); Rescue

run to Hardee's (7:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Brunson Circle (1:52 a.m.); Disturbance reported at police headquarters (5:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Brunson Circle (7:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - River stage - 3.14 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company (6:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Kendrick Apartments (7:23 p.m.); Rescue run to Beaver Dam Apartments (11:38 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 - Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:24 a.m.); River stage - 3.03 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (9:16 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Clanton Ave. (9:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Sadie Drive (2:21 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Addison Street (5:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to a residence on Caroline Street (8:06 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (9:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made an emergency medical transfer to a Dothan hospital (9:52 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - River stage - 3.18 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company on Hickman Avenue (5:07 p.m.); Alarm at WeCare Day Care (5:58 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company on Hickman Avenue (6:53 p.m.); Fight reported on Caroline Street (8:07 p.m.).

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Jason Jordan Joins Army

Jason D. Jordan has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enterprise.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to lead entering active duty for up to one year. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Jordan, a 1997 graduate of Elba High School, will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training Sept. 3, 1998.

He is the son of William D. and Sandra D. Jordan of Elba.

Smith aboard USS Kennedy

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Timothy J. Smith, son of Gussie M. Smith of Brantley, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Smith is a 1989 graduate of Brantley High School.

EMA's encourage renters & property owners to purchase flood insurance

With hurricane season officially in, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency encourage renters and property owners - especially those in the Gulf Coast area - to purchase flood insurance policies now to provide financial protection from flood waters and storm surge.

"Buying flood insurance is one of the most important things anyone can do to help themselves recover from a flood disaster," FEMA Director James Lee Witt said. "Recent changes in the law allow us to make sure more people have this coverage and keep it."

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by FEMA, makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage.

"Coffee County is a participant in the NFIP," Coffee County Emergency Management Deputy Director Terry Wilkins said. Flood insurance may be purchased from insurance companies and licensed insurance agents.

"Standard homeowner's or business insurance policies do not cover

flood losses," Wilkins said. "Home insurance coverage must be purchased separately and you must keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting period before a new flood insurance policy is effective."

For a single-family home, the maximum coverage amounts are \$250,000 for the structure and \$100,000 for its contents. Maximum coverages for businesses are \$500,000 for buildings and \$500,000 for contents.

There are two important exceptions to the 30-day waiting period. First, there is no waiting period following the initial purchase of flood insurance when that purchase is in connection with making, increasing, extending, or renewing a mortgage or construction loan; the policy will become effective upon loan closing.

Secondly, there is no waiting period if the initial purchase occurs during the 13-month period following the revision or updating of a flood insurance rate map; in this case, the policy will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. the day after purchase.

For more information concerning flood insurance, residents may contact their insurance agent or the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

August 4 thru August 10, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 4, 1998 through August 10, 1998. They were: Charlie Dawkins, Doy McDaniel, Erica Wilkerson, Minnie Thigpen, Maggie Head, Cleone Hussey, Javanna Adams, Brenda Sanders, Brennen Schindler, George Capkers, Ida Mauldin, Rosa Coon, Martha Waters, Lou Dea, Jimmy Johnson, O. C. King, William Palmore, Barbara Wise, Ocie Daugherty, John Jackson, Daniel McDonald, Fry, George Chandler, John Canley, Theo Mauldin, Ora Kelley, Susan Bell, James Jones, Van Pott, and Sharon Grant.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ida Mauldin, Ocie Daugherty, Van Pott, Susan Bell, Sharon Grant, Button Bryant, Alma Morrow, Maggie Head, William S. Prior, Ellie Hamlett, Erica Wilkerson, Ola Mae Stallings, Lennon Rodgers, Charlie Dawkins, Doy McDaniel, Brenda Sanders, Cleone Hussey, Jeffery Fillingim, Minnie Thigpen, Barbara Wise, Lou Head, Maggie Head, Martha Waters, Shawana Adams, Javanna Adams, Jimmy Johnson, John Canley, George Capkers, Ora Kelley, Ludyne Chandler, Brennen Schindler, and Theo Mauldin.

Red Cross to have classes

The American Red Cross will hold an Adult CPR and First Aid Class on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Ft. Rucker. The class is open to the public and cost is \$25.00.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Ferrin,
I, along with most everyone I know, received a notice from Coffee County Board of Equalization, increasing the value of our property in Elba.

I don't know anyone on this board, so there is nothing personal in this letter—probably because they just arrived in Coffee County from MARS is the reason. Businesses and homes are selling at public auction for a fraction of what is owed on the note. This increase is a dumb mistake and needs correcting.

As children we would taunt one another with a saying, "As sure as a call runs around the lot, you got to be the most stupid thing your daddy ever begot."

J. DOUG KENDRICK

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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resolution authorizing the county to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation for the widening and resurfacing of Co. Rd. 114. This project will be funded with an industrial access grant from the state. Commissioners honored Tidwell's request.

Commissioner Brooks commented on the recent planning session held in connection with developing a strategic plan for Coffee County. "I feel that the county is moving forward," said Brooks.

He asked that Commissioner Grimsley be appointed as the coordinator for contacting outside sources to help in providing funding for the development of the strategic plan for the county. The other commissioners concurred with Brooks.

Commissioner Westbrook noted that a meeting concerning the buy-out, relocation or elevation of flood prone homes in the county will be held Thursday evening (TONIGHT), August 13, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

Attending the meeting will be those homeowners in the rural portions of the county whose homes were affected by recent and past flooding. Also attending the meeting will be representatives from the county commission, county emergency management agency and the state EMA (emergency management agency).

Just before adjourning to sign bills, Commission Chairman Stephens commented on the recent reappraisal of property within the county.

"I don't know what to say about this reappraisal thing. I think it's out of line - especially to a lot of people," said Stephens. "A lot of people's property has gone up fifty percent."

"Especially the people that were in the flood. I think their property should be reappraised. It was appraised before the flood and I think it should be reappraised after the flood. But, I'm not in charge of that."

According to a letter sent out from the revenue commissioner's

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The financial report from the superintendent showed the cash bal-

office to property owners in the county, the changes in the taxes are due to the federal court ordered reappraisal required in each county in the state of Alabama every four years.

Persons not agreeing with reappraisal have the right to appeal within 10 days of the postmark on their appraisal notice.

Appeals should be sent to the County Board of Equalization, P.O. box 31106, Enterprise, AL.

Other items of business addressed by the commission were as follows: ***Extended credit to Mid-South Testing Inc. for usage of the county landfill. The firm removes solid waste from Ft. Rucker.

***Approved payment of an invoice for \$259.70 from Enterprise Printing Service for the printing of 5,000 flyers advertising the two (2) meetings concerning the development of the county's strategic plan.

***Appropriated \$1,000 to be used toward other expenses already incurred concerning the advertisement of the two meetings mentioned above. Commissioner Stephens commented that State Senator Dwight Adams has secured a \$2,000 grant that will be forthcoming in October to be used to pay the cost of the strategic planning committee.

***Voted to send out requests for bids on computer software to update the county computer system.

***Agreed to allow FACS (Families' And Children's Educational Services) to use the Community Room free of charge for six nights in November for parenting classes to discuss child abuse. This meeting will be open to the public.

***Voted to allow the maintenance department to keep the surplus truck on "loan" to it from the highway department. The highway department's budget will be cut. The surplus of funds from the maintenance department funds.

***Approved the purchase of a washer & dryer and the construction of a fence at the Adult Day Care in Elba. The cost of the washer & dryer is \$450.00 and the fence is \$800.00. Both will be paid for out of funds received from the insurance company.

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DELMA EDWARD BOWERS

Mr. Delma Edward Bowers, age 76, of Evergreen, Ala., died Aug. 5, 1998, at Jackson Hospital, Montgomery.

Mr. Bowers retired as tax assessor of Conecuh County. He was a native of Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Evergreen, with Rev. Jack Williamson and Rev. Hughie Denton officiating.

Burial was in Brownville Holiness Cemetery, with Cope Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret Bowers, Evergreen; three daughters: Frances Ryan, Greenville; Lisa Peace, Evergreen; Kay Eddins, Peterman; two brothers: Burin Bowers, Elba; Ellis Bowers, Brundidge; four sisters: Louise Hysmith, Phenix City; Sybil Drum, Ozark; Barbara Ann Bowers, Brundidge; Faye Bowers, Brundidge; 5 great-grandchildren.

JOHN FREEMAN FLOWERS JR.

Mr. John Freeman Flowers Jr., age 56, of Rt. 2, Troy, died Aug. 8, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held Aug. 11, 1998, at Hebron Baptist Church, with Rev. Kenneth Chancellor officiating. Burial followed in Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Connie Kelley, Jack; Sandy Pope, Elba; four sons: Kevin Flowers, Troy; Craig Flowers, Randy Flowers, and Brad Flowers, all of Jack; two sisters: Louise Bozeman and Martha Johnson, both of Elba; Ruby Whitley, Jack; Elba; Chancellor, Troy; three brothers: Richard Flowers, Troy; Ted Flowers, Elba, and Don Flowers, Jack; 8 grandchildren.

EDD EARL MARSHALL SR.

Mr. Edd Earl Marshall Sr., died Aug. 1, 1998. He was born Nov. 29, 1919 in Elba, where he spent his entire life, except for four years in the Armed Services.

He was preceded in death by his wife Annie Rea.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 1998, at 3 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. John L. Grayer officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Edd Jr. and Smith; a daughter and son-in-law: Marguerite and Albert Mosby; three grandchildren; a sister: Fannie Williams, a devoted friend, Mrs. Jan Vicker.

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LIFESTYLES



Miss Nelson & Mr. Adcock

Nelson-Adcock wedding planned for Saturday, August 22

Paul and Shelia Nelson of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Paula Shey Nelson, to Phillip Dewayne Adcock, son of Larry and Cheryl Adcock of Elba. The wedding ceremony will be

AARP to meet August 18th

The Elba chapter of AARP will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Elba Senior Citizens building downtown.

The program will feature Elba Mayor James Grimes, who will give an update on the flood situation.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and a friend.

Jack Assembly of God to have Homecoming

Homecoming will be held at Jack Assembly of God Church Sunday Aug. 16.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour and there will be special singing in the afternoon with the Lighthouse Gospel Singers of Banks, Ala.

Everyone is invited.

Coffee Baptist Institute to begin classes

Fall semester for Coffee Baptist Institute will begin Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Coffee Baptist Center, 610 E. McKinnon St., (Hwy. 84) in New Brockton.

No formal invitations are being sent. All friends and family are invited.

Courses to be offered include LA 411 Biblical Interpretation, with instructor John W. Granger, ThD; and RE 411 - How to Minister More Effectively Within Smaller Churches, instructor Rev. Joel Jackson.

The classes are open to all regardless of educational background, and are designed for lay people as well as pastors.

"This program is to help workers in the church sharpen their skills in order to be more effective in work and witness for Christ," said Rev. James Preachers of the Baptist Association.

For more information call Rev. Preachers at 347-6717 or 894-6411.



Mr. & Mrs. Mosley holding Jaxsen and Jordan

Jaxsen and Jordan Mosley celebrate first birthday recently

Jaxsen (left) and Jordan Mosley celebrated their 1st birthday on July 10. The celebration included a "Winnie the Pooh" party, attended by family and friends. Grandparents

are Dorothy and Leon Adkins, Opp. The twins are shown with their mother and father, David and Jane Mosley. Their big brothers are Todd and Cory McKee.



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Mrs. Blanton honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

Mrs. Carmon Chaney Blanton, bride of Shane Blanton, was honored Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, with a miscellaneous bridal shower at the Elba City Library.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Huey Allen, Mrs. Butch Oggs, Mrs. Beth Dubose, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. Rachel Moore, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Randy Bedsole, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mrs. Van McCall, Mrs. June Grantham, and Mrs. Joe Spurlin.

The hostesses presented Mrs. Blanton with a gift certificate.

Parker Reunion planned for Saturday, August 15

The annual Parker Reunion will be held Saturday, August 15, at the Basin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Basin Community, Highway 189 South. The reunion, for the descendants and relatives of Marion Jackson and Myra Mobley Parker, will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon. All relatives and friends are invited. For additional information, contact Sue Parker, 334-897-2704.

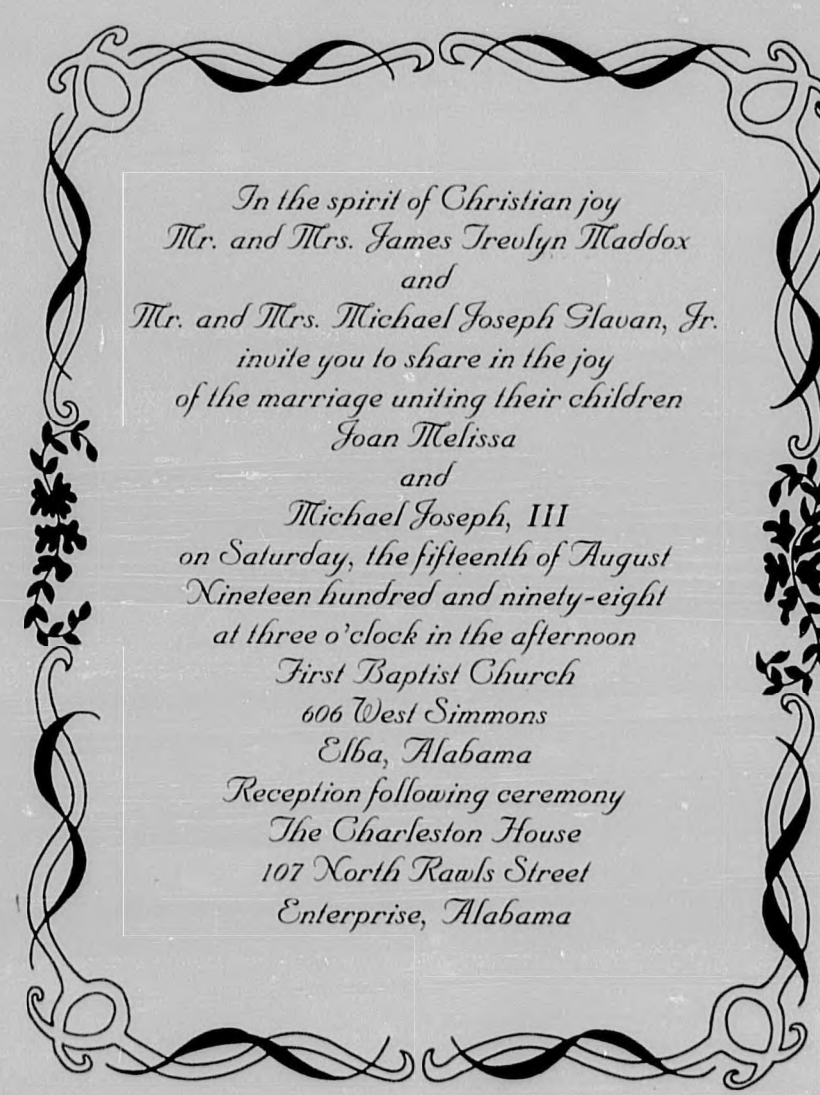
MacArthur Tech. schedules graduation exercises

Graduation exercises for MacArthur State Technical College will be held Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Opp High School auditorium.

Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of Enterprise State Junior College, will deliver the commencement address.

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AGRI NEWS

A farmer's perspective of the boll weevil

RICHARD L. PETCHER County Extension Agent

The boll weevil is one of the most destructive insects every known in North America. It originally occurred in Mexico and invaded Texas around 1892. Since then the insect has spread to almost every cotton-producing state in the United States.

As everyone knows, cotton was the major crop in south Alabama in the early 1900's. But about 1913 the boll weevil had nearly devastated that crop which was the mainstay of our economy.

Many tragedies in life are springboards or launching pads for a whole new life. Cotton's fate, due to the boll weevil, brought about the production of peanuts that then became the mainstay of the agricultural economy in the Wiregrass. In 1919 Coffee County residents built the boll weevil monument in honor of the boll weevil.

So, King Cotton was out and peanuts were in; but the persistent, destructive boll weevil stayed.

In 1987 South Alabama farmers voted in the Boll Weevil Eradication Program (BWEP). At that time there were 60,000 acres of cotton in south Alabama. In 1987 Coffee County had 1500 acres; now, in 1998 20,000 acres are produced.

Cecil Patterson is one of the few Coffee County farmers who grew cotton before and after the eradication program came in. He and his four brothers have produced around 1500 acres of cotton and 1500 acres of peanuts since mid-1960.

Patterson believes that if it were not for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, most growers would not be in the cotton business today. He said before the program the Pattersons would spray their cotton 8 to 12 times; some growers in Alabama sprayed as many as 15-20 times - you did not even have to scout your cotton. They had so many acres to cover that by the time they finished going over all their cotton, they would have to turn around and start spraying again.

Now the boll weevil is about forgotten. Because of the BWEP, cotton fields are sprayed for insects on an average of two to four times per season - some fields are not sprayed at all. That has to be much better for the environment.

The BWEP has had a great effect on the cost of growing cotton. Spraying two times instead of 15 adds up to big savings and higher yields for the farmers.

Starting in 1987 the program cost each grower \$35 per acre. Now since the boll weevil has been nearly eradicated from this area, the intense trapping and management and also the cost of the program have gone down to \$5 per acre. This



FARMER CECIL PATTERSON knows about the boll weevil

too has been helpful to our growers.

Now some of our cotton growers have never even seen a boll weevil. Certainly, the Pattersons and others like them who weathered the storms with the devastating boll weevil and had the foresight to vote in the BWEP are to be thanked, and are truly pioneers in the cotton industry that we have today.

Cotton is certainly a vital part of our economy in south Alabama today. For the last few years, no boll weevils have been trapped in Coffee County, and growers hope that continues.

One weevil can lay 250 eggs and they lay each egg one at a time in separate pinhead squares or bracts. One boll weevil may have from four

to seven generations per year. So by the fourth generation one boll weevil would have been responsible for over 100,000 boll weevils and damaged squares. This is why such a stringent program is necessary.

Not every weevil is a cotton boll weevil. The white-fringed beetle found on ornamental shrubs, the pecan weevil, the cowpea curculionid and the cotton boll weevil are all first cousins and look similar. From time to time we receive calls that someone has found an outbreak of the cotton boll weevil. Don't be too alarmed - it is most likely just a cousin.

Coffee County growers have much to be thankful for in the BWEP. King Cotton is planted now almost acre for acre with peanuts. 20,000 acres of cotton to 23,000 acres of peanuts in Coffee County.

However, devastating weather patterns over the last years, and lower profit margins are again having a tragic effect upon our growers. Once again, we need to see some new areas of profits in order to revitalize our agricultural industry.



CHAMPION GAITED HORSE! Diana Jackson of Coffee County 4-H is shown on her champion horse, Shadow's Midnight Design. The State 4-H Horse Show was held in Montgomery July 7 - 11. Diana placed 1st in two of her classes and 2nd in another. She was also the Senior Gaited Division H-point winner.

Using topsoil in Centipede lawns

STAN WINDHAM County Extension Agent

Over the last several months there have been a large number of inquiries from folks with weed problems in their centipede yards. Many of these problems have come from a variety of sources. A large percentage of the problems have come from the addition of unsterilized topsoil.

Every yard, at one time or another, needs to be leveled and taken care of. Centipede yards are no exception - you have a little pothole, you have a place that is deficient, or some other reason you need to add a leveling agent to smooth out the yard.

When you utilize topsoil that is not sterilized, you can introduce a potentially devastating weed problem to your yard.

The reason this is so critical in centipede yards is that centipede is so sensitive to many herbicides that control the weeds that are growing. Centipede has many advantages: drought-hardy, low maintenance - but it is very sensitive to many herbicides.

Because of this problem avoid using large quantities of unsterilized soil in centipede yards. If you have a major project, that's a differ-

ent story. You have a large hole to fill in or something like that, then you're going to have to go to extreme measures anyway. But if you have small areas that need leveling, my suggestion would be to utilize some of the bagged, sterilized soil such as Black Kow or Fertile Lome or any of the many other products on the market. These products generally run about .55.5 in nitrogen, phosphate, and potash. They have also been sterilized and should not, in most cases, introduce a new crop of weeds into your landscape.

Another question along these same lines centers around the use of sand as a leveling agent. Sand is no problem if you don't have to use very much of it. Naturally it provides very little nutrition to grass, but can work quite well in leveling out small indentations and imperfections in your yard. It works particularly well if you have a heavy clay soil where the addition of sand can actually help to mellow the topsoil that is already there.

If you have any further questions related to turfgrass management, please feel free to give us a call at 894-5596. We'll be more than happy to help you out.

Cheese handling Tips from your Extension Agent

ANGELA HUGHES County Extension Agent

Few foods can claim the immense popularity that cheese enjoys, due in part to the many varieties. What produces the distinctive characteristics

of various cheeses? It depends on the kind of milk used, the amount of fat in the milk, coagulation methods, cutting, cooking, forming the curd, type of culture, salting and ripening.

Cheese Names - When you go to

the supermarket, you may be overwhelmed by the number of cheese selections available. According to the USDA, there are 800 different names of cheeses.

Nutritional Information
Cheese is a concentrated source of many of the nutrients of milk, including calcium, protein and riboflavin. Considering it takes about 10 pounds (five quarts) of milk to make one pound of cheddar cheese, cheese is a nutrient-dense food.

Storage and Handling
Refrigerator - Cheese should be refrigerated at temperatures of 35 - 40 degrees F. in the original wrapping or container, or in waxed paper, transparent wrap, foil, plastic bags or tightly covered containers. For best flavor and aroma, serve cheese, except for fresh cheese, such as cream, cottage and Neufchatel, at room temperature.

Freezer - Most hard cheeses can be frozen; however, there will be changes in texture. For this reason, thawed cheese is best used crumbled or shredded, in salads or as toppings, or in cooked dishes.

For Best Results:
• Freeze pieces of one-half pound or less • use moisture-proof and air tight wrapping • freeze quickly and store at 0 F for two or more months • thaw in refrigerator use as soon as possible after thawing

Etcetera
When cooking with cheese, use low temperatures for a short time, just long enough to melt and blend in the cheese. High heat and long cooking tends to make cheese strings and tough.

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By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz girls closed out their school shopping over the weekend, and even though they didn't agree that they had everything they needed, Daddy's billfold sounded its alarm as it got very light, and we all headed back to the house. I guess I am somewhat of a veteran in school shopping now that I have survived three years trying to please a teenage daughter. However, this year was a little scary, as our fourth grader took her time hunting certain labels and trying on jeans to make sure they were "boggy." Maybe next year it will time for Dad to stay at the house and just take a nap while the girls take turns trying to spend as much as they can.

HITS AND MISSES IN EARLY AUGUST

***The Elba Tigers have opened preseason drills, and I have to admit that even though I have only been to one practice, I think this year's Tigers should be greatly improved over last year's squad that struggled to only two wins. There are only 27 players on the team, but all the players appear to be excited about playing football, and they all have the look of determination on their faces as they go through workouts. The '98 Tigers may not be picked in any polls, and may not be given much of a chance to even post a winning record. However, there is something about this bunch that caught my eye, and I have a gut feeling that they are going to surprise some folks very soon.

***Elba's 27-man roster is certainly not what the coaching staff was hoping for, but the numbers are down all over the area, especially at Zion Chapel and Kinston, where only 18 and 17 players reported for preseason drills. Everyone blames the low turnout on the kids and says the kids of today are spoiled to cars and air conditioning. That may be true, but I think the ones to blame in many cases are the parents that don't take an active part in their children's activities and would rather the kids not do much so they won't be expected to follow them to the games, band concerts, etc. I am not urging any parents to make their kids do something they don't want to do, but I do think some encouragement might help the kids make up their minds in a little different way.

***There is an article in the "Sports" this week about Lindsey Jared competing at a national tournament during the summer in Ohio. Not only did Lindsey Jared compete, she helped lead her team to the tournament title and brought home with her a gold medal and tons of experience that will no doubt help her when the high school seasons rolls along later this fall. Jared, a junior, was injured during her freshman season and still wears a heavy knee brace when on the court. However, she never complains about the brace, and always gives one-hundred and ten percent in practice and in the games. Girl's basketball is a new sport at Elba High and struggled throughout the season a year ago, but if the other team members will work hard and dedicate themselves like Lindsey Jared, maybe before long the Lady Tigers will start winning and put their program on the map.

***The Major League baseball season is drawing to a close, and while the teams like Atlanta, New York, Houston, San Diego and a few others are making a lot of noise, the most noise is being made about the chase to break the home-run record of Roger Maris. I will admit that I would like to see Mark McGuire break the record, however, I don't think it is going to happen this season, and won't lose a lot of sleep over the chase as the season draws to a close.

***In closing...I umpired a softball tournament last weekend, and as the tournament drew to a close, the players were as concerned about missing the pay-per-view wrestling event on that night as they were who was going to win the tournament. As the tournament went to the "if necessary" game, it was clear that they would have to tune the second showing of the event, and things settled down. In case you are not a fan of wrestling on the cable networks, the sport is alive and well, and very much as popular as any other sport around.

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Elba's Jared leads team to gold medal

Elba Lady Tiger basketball stand-out Lindsey Jared spent a week during the month of July in Ohio at the U.S.A. Junior Nationals Basketball Competition, and came home with a gold medal after helping her team post an impressive 14-1 record en route to the '98 tournament championship.

Jared, a junior at Elba High School, was the point-guard for the Lady Tigers last season, and played both point-guard and two-guard at the nationals.

"There is no doubt that July 6-12 was the most exciting week of my life," said Jared. "It was an honor to be a member of the team that represented Alabama at the national event, and actually the team represented three states, as there were girls on the team from Alabama (seven), Tennessee (two) and North Carolina (one). The coach was Gary Baldwin, the girls basketball coach at Lee University, from Cleveland, Tennessee, and he really did an outstanding job."

"Night of Fire" is set for Aug. 29 at 1-Way Dragway

The One Way Dragway, located in Cottonwood, has scheduled a spectacular "Night of Fire" on Saturday, August 29, featuring the first competition ever at the track in the Jet car competition.

Jon Simmons will be shooting colorful flames from his "Southern Flame" Chevy S-10, as those on hand witness his performance on the strip in the world's fastest jet truck. His competitor, Joe "Pepe" Urban, will be leaving the Florida heat to bring his "Showdown" jet dragster and will create hot, beautiful flaming entertainment on the track. Both drivers are highly skilled racing entertainers and know exactly how to spark the eyes of their audience as they speed to over 200 miles per hour.

Joining the hot event will be the ever popular Dixie Pro Mods as they bring in their 2,000 horsepower door slammers to compete in the "Dixie Pro Stock Quick 8." Favorites such as Johnny Pilcher, Lynn Miller, Keith Baker and many others will be on hand as they make their qualifying runs at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

The One Way Dragway will also feature its regular E-T Bracket racing program with entries in Super Pro, Sportsman, Grad Bikes and Junior Dragster divisions.

Gates will open at 2:00 on Saturday, August 29, with time trials from 3:30 until 6:00 PM. The actual races get fired up at 7:30.

For additional information call 334-691-4431 or 334-691-4897.

Elba city pool to remain open through Sept. 7

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the city swimming pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, will remain open on weekends through the Labor Day holiday weekend. The hours of operation during the weekends will be from 12:00 (noon) until 8:00 PM on Saturdays, and from 1:00 until 6:00 PM on Sundays. Admission is \$2 children 12 and under, and \$3 for everyone over 12 years of age.

There will be no private parties during the expanded days of operation.

For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

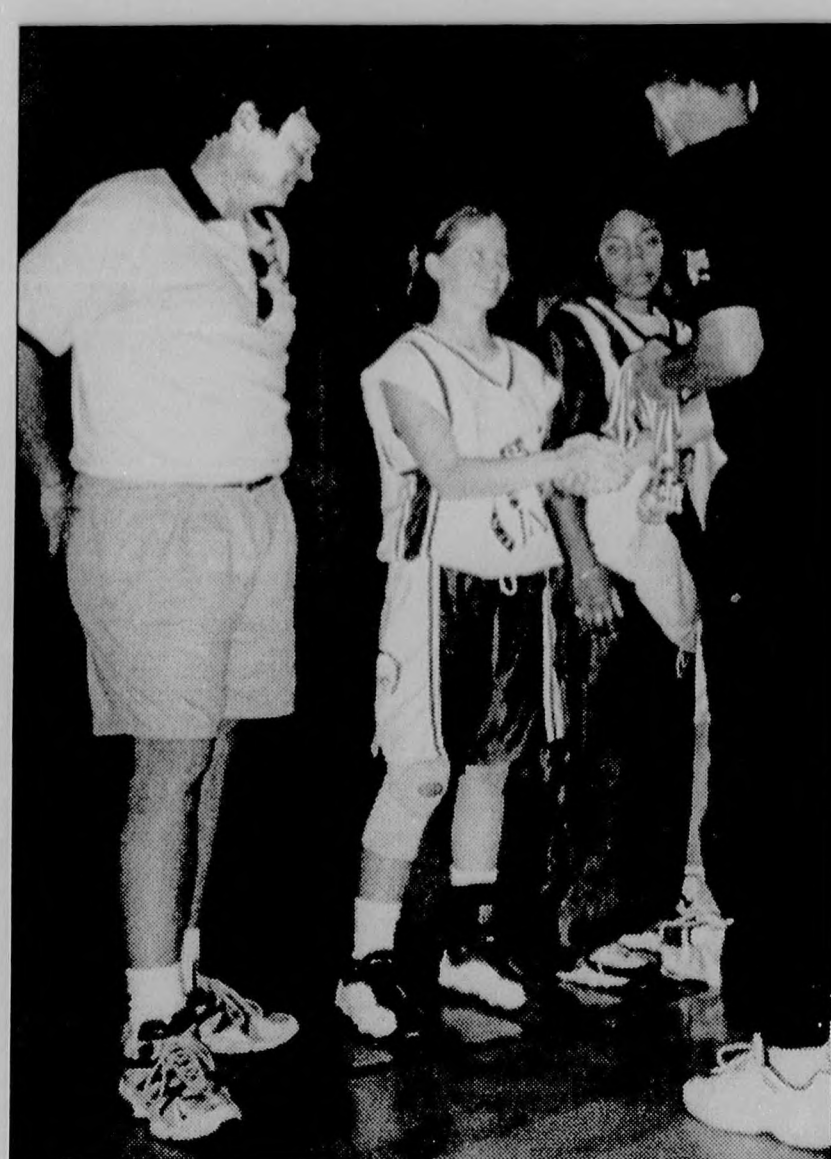
Opening ceremonies for the event were held at Westland High School, in Columbus, Ohio, where the 52 teams entered in the annual basketball extravaganza were introduced to the large crowd on hand. The teams had two three-hour practice sessions, then hit the court as the action was practically non-stop for the next three days as the teams participated in pool play.

"We played four games on Wednesday, two on Thursday and three more on Friday," said Jared, "and our team was seeded fifth after the completion of pool play. The actual tournament began on Friday night, and we won one game Friday and then won three straight games Saturday to advance to the championship. Sunday we defeated Wisconsin to finish the tournament with a 14-1 record, and take the championship."

During pool play and tournament action, the winning team from Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina, claimed wins over Maine/Vermont, Georgia/Louisiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Montana, Iowa, Virginia and Michigan.

"It was a lot of work, and I was a long way from home," added Jared, "but the experience I gained from being on the tournament team was priceless, and hopefully it will help me this season when high school ball rolls around. I am definitely a better player now than I was before, and will be much more confident when the season starts."

Jared is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Jared, of Elba.



Lindsey Jared (second from left) accepts congratulations and the gold medal after her team won the U.S.A. Junior Nationals this summer in Ohio. Jared's team went 14-1 in the national competition.

27 players taking part in drills

Coach Sikes pleased with early Elba workouts

The Elba Tigers opened their 1998 preseason football camp last week, and after five days of drills, Coach David Sikes was pleased with the attitude and work habits of his team.

"The first week really went pretty good," stated Coach Sikes, in his second year at the Elba helm. "We had three or four good days, and even though we drug a little on Friday, it was a morning practice and it was really hot and muggy."

"The first three days of drills were in shorts," added Sikes, "and we had 24 players for the first day of work, and were up to 27 by the end of the week. We did a lot of teaching during the opening three days, and did more mental work than physical work. Most of the players reported

back in good shape, and the efforts of our off-season program was plainly visible. The first day out in pads was dominated by drills and fundamentals with not much hitting. However, Friday morning we had a lot of individual drills and the players got after it pretty hard."

"Most of the positions were decided in the spring," said Coach Sikes, "and that helped during the early part of preseason practice. We still have a couple of spots to look at and some players that will get a chance to prove what they can do. The only glaring spot open is at one of the spots in the offensive line, but there are two or three players that are determined to earn the spot, and it should turn out okay."

"The second week of practice will include a lot of work on technique, and a lot more work on fundamentals," Sikes stated. "The basic offensive and defensive sets were taught in spring training, and the players have retained a great deal of what they were taught. Now we have to work hard to improve every day as football players and dedicate ourselves to being the best we can be at all times."

When asked about the small size of this year's squad, Coach Sikes stated "I would obviously like to have more players out for football; however, I feel like we have the ones that have dedicated themselves to being good high school football players, and believe that we have a team that is dedicated to winning and dedicated to working as hard as it takes to accomplish its goal."

Trail ride to be held on August 15-16 in Geneva

There will be a trail ride on Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, at the Geneva State Park Lake. Everyone interested in taking part should bring their mules, horses, wagons and all their necessities, and be ready to head out Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

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(DENOTES AREA GAMES)

Childs and Adams take SAS wins

Joey Watkins took the lead on lap 15 and held on to win the Sportsman Mid-Season Championship on Saturday, August 1, at the South Alabama Speedway.

Watkins started in the #3 spot, but latched on to the bumper of pole-sitter Gary Davis before diving to the inside coming out of turn two and making the pass. Watkins built up a good lead over the field, only to be slowed when the car became loose.

Freddie Clifford closed in on Watkins during the final laps, but was unable to catch the leader and settled for second. David Lester started in sixth position due to a partial field inversion, only make up time fast to close in the third position, while Jim Walker placed fourth and James Mason finished fifth.

In Super Stock action, Tommy Adams started on the pole and cruised to the feature win. Howard Penton took runner-up honors,

while Steven Dean placed third ahead of Bob Holley and David Wood.

Roy Childs led all the way in the Pure Stock feature to take the checkered flag. Larry Crutchfield pressure Childs the entire race, but had to settle for second, while Jimmy Johnson placed third, followed in order by J.R. Gulleddge and Don Huff.

Jimmy White was the night's other big winner as he was the feature driver of the night and won the Street Stock feature. White took home an extra \$400 for his efforts, along with the trophy and bragging rights! Mikell Rawls placed second in the feature, followed in order by Brian Martin, Jerome Berry and Spanky Stephens.

Heat winners were Adams (Super Stock), Wayne Slawson (Pure Stock), and Wade and Rawls (Street Stock). Lester equaled Watkins'

Sportsman track record with a qualifying time of 17.56.

Action will continue this weekend, with gates to open at 5:00 PM, and racing to begin at 7:00 PM.

Following is a list of the Top 3 in last week's feature races:

SPORTSMAN
1 - Joey Watkins (Dothan)
2 - Freddie Clifford (Montgomery)
3 - David Lester (Montgomery)

SUPER STOCK
1 - Tommy Adams (New Brockton)
2 - Howard Penton (Pensacola)
3 - Steven Dean (Opp)

PURE STOCK
1 - Roy Childs (Elba)
2 - Larry Crutchfield
3 - Jimmy Johnson

STREET STOCK
1 - Jimmy White (Montgomery)
2 - Mikell Rawls (Montgomery)
3 - Jerome Berry (Daleville)

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POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN ESCAPE & ROBBERY

Escape & couple's assault under investigation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Elba Police Department, assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, is investigating the possible connection between an escape and assault that occurred in Elba early Sunday morning.

Shortly before 5 a.m. (approximately 4:45 a.m.) authorities from Elba Work Release arrested the police department that an inmate, James Lamar Jackson, age 33, was missing from the facility. They noted that he was originally from Houston County and the appropriate agencies were notified.

Jackson was sentenced to 10 years in prison for burglary and theft of property that occurred in Houston County. He had been in the Elba facility since March.

At approximately 5:00 a.m., police received a call that a burglary had occurred on Co. Rd. 407. The

report, it was prepared at the request of board members Daniel Stephens and Dr. Lance Dyess.

The report covered the 1997-98 school year (last year) and indicated there were paid assistants in varsity boys football, varsity boys basketball and varsity girls volleyball.

There were no paid assistants in varsity boys' baseball, varsity girls' basketball and varsity girls' softball. Each of the latter three had volunteer assistant coaches, but not paid assistants as required by federal Title IX regulations. Pearce indicated the same situations are applicable to the present year.

According to the report, the head coach for girl's volleyball (Susan Barnes) and the head coach for girl's basketball (Leroy Carney) had a verbal agreement to assist each other. Head football coach David Sikes served as the volunteer assistant coach for the varsity girls' softball.

With the release of the report, Pearce gave board members a recommendation that to comply with

Police are looking into the possibility that both the escape and assault/robbery are related since they both occurred within a short period of time.

The escapee was recaptured on Monday by the Houston County Sheriff's Department and has been returned to authorities in Coffee County. He is being held in the Coffee County Jail charged, at this time, only with escape.

No arrests or charges have been filed in the assault/robbery at this time. Nor has the pickup, firearm or money have been recovered.

The incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.

Anyone having knowledge about this crime or the whereabouts of the 1993 Maroon/Tan Chevrolet pickup truck should call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555 or Crimestoppers at 897-3881.



Buford Street...Looking west behind First Baptist Church

Severe thunderstorm overwhelms Elba's downtown storm drainage system

A severe thunderstorm with heavy rains and sharp lightning moved through Elba last Friday afternoon. Within a short time (less than an hour) several inches of rain fell in the immediate area.

For a brief time, high winds also accompanied the heavy rains causing one large tree to topple on a house located on Smith Avenue.

Despite a valiant effort by crews from the City of Elba, Street Department to keep drains open and flowing, the heavy rains were too much. All of the drains (the ones that were completely open) were taking all the water they could handle and that wasn't good enough!

Several streets in the downtown area and the Mulberry Heights area became impassable while traffic was slowed to a crawl on others.

Even streets in high places became inundated by the run-off water from the heavy rains. Larkin Road, between U.S. Hwy. 84 and the airport, was closed for a brief time because water was flowing over the roadway.

Yards all over town looked like small ponds and some, according to home owners, looked like large lakes.

Dorsey Trailers sent second shift employees home due to the water being in the shop area.

City officials are looking into what can be done to alleviate, or at

least improve, the drainage problem in the downtown area as well as areas in the Mulberry Heights Community.

There are several pictures (as room would allow) in this edition of *The Elba Clipper* that show several areas where the heavy down-pour created small lakes. There were some others, but the photographer could not be everywhere, and besides, the water went down quickly in several of the places when the rains subsided.

There was one good thing - no one was hurt during the bad weather which came at a busy time for Elba.

McGlothren & Carter trials continued due to motions

The trials for the two women accused of stealing public funds from Coffee County in two unrelated incidents were set for this week; however, that was not to be.

The case of Susan Enfinger McGlothren, 38, of Enterprise was continued by Circuit Judge Thomas Head.

Mrs. McGlothren is charged with allegedly stealing more than \$71,000.00 while working as a bookkeeper in the Coffee County Commission office. She was arrested on April 16 after being indicted by a grand jury. The accused has been and is free on a \$10,000.00 appearance bond.

No trial date has been set, but

Judge Head will schedule a date to hear a motion by McGlothren's attorney, Joe Sawyer, for a change of venue for the trial.

A motion to continue the case of Frances Elizabeth Carter, 39, of Enterprise, is charged with allegedly stealing more than \$2,800.00 in public funds.

She remains free on a \$2,000 appearance bond.

Both of the thefts took place in 1997 and were discovered in

January of this year. The women's arrests came after an extensive investigation by the District Attorney's office assisted by the Examiners of Public Accounts.

The crime which McGlothren and Carter are charged with is a Class B felony and with conviction, carries a prison sentence of not less than two years and not more than twenty

years. In a June meeting, the Coffee County Commission, for which McGlothren worked, unanimously passed a resolution asking the District Attorney to proceed with the prosecution of the accused to the full extent of the law.

Small army of census workers to be employed for Census 2000

A small army of temporary workers will be needed for the first major activity in ramp-up to Census 2000. About 90 jobs will be available locally, mostly in rural communities in Coffee County.

The U.S. Census will hire 30,000 temporary, part-time workers in communities across the nation between August and the end of this year to compile lists of where people live or might live. The address listing is the first major activity leading up to Census 2000.

This year the "listers" will go block by block, recording the locations and addresses of living quarters in rural and suburban areas. Next year they will concentrate on urban areas.

The actual census forms will be mailed in 1999 to all the addresses compiled, and in 2000 census workers will make personal contact with those who did not return their census information.

Hourly wages will start at \$7.00 per hour, plus approved expenses, such as 31 cents per mile. Job requirements include U.S. citizenship and access to a reliable vehicle. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age or have earned a General Education Development (GED) degree and be at least 16.

Legal non-residents will be accepted in areas where not enough citizens apply. Military veterans,

as well as applications, are available through the Census Bureau's toll-free recruiting number, 1-888-325-7733.

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The test, which consists of 28 multiple choice questions, will measure an individual's skills and abilities required to perform a variety of Census jobs - reading, math, following instructions and map-reading.

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NOTICE

All services (tag buying, driver license renewal, deed & mortgage recording, etc.) offered by the Probate Judge's Office in the Elba Courthouse prior to the '98 Flood are once again available.

Area Happenings

REMINDER TO EHS SENIORS' PARENTS. The parents of Elba High School seniors are reminded that graduation ads for the 1999 *Elbala* are due by August 31. For more information, contact Julie Norris at Elba High School @ 897-2266.

FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH. A Boston Butt Benefit has been organized to raise funds for the Josh Prettyman Fund. Tickets can be purchased at any local merchant in Elba or by calling 493-9639. The tickets are \$15. Windham Lumber Company will be the pick-up point on August 22 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prettyman, 17, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on July 9, 1998.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its 8-monthly meeting Monday, August 24, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

SENATOR SHELBY TO VISIT. U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will address residents of Coffee County and members of the Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce at an open, county-wide meeting and lunch breakfast on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cuts Restaurant located at 417 East Lee Street in Enterprise.

HRDC FACILITY OPEN. Mary Phillips, director of HRDC, stated that the facility will be open every day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens to come in from the heat (if they don't have air conditioning). The facility is located at 127 Factory Street in Elba. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 897-2667.



SHOFFNER ADDRESSES ELBA LIONS...Lion Roy Shoffner of Enterprise spoke to the Elba Lions Club on August 11, 1998. His comments were about Americanism and what is taking place in America today. Shoffner issued a challenge to the group - "a challenge of greatness!" He told the Elba Lions to "Go and demonstrate your citizenship, prove your patriotism, take an active part - a participating part - in your government. Make it a truly representative government of the people, by the people and for the people." Pictured above are (l-r): Lion Charles Eastburn, president of the Elba Lions Club; Lion Roy Shoffner, past District Governor; and Lion Richard Patterson, program chairman.